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Location

1. As the result of the major reorganization instituted in January 1955, part of the Construction and Research Section (Konstruktions und Versuchsabteilung) of the Research and Development Institute (Forschungs und Entwicklungsanstalt) (FEA) has moved to Leipzig-Gohlis. Attention is drawn to the fact that Leipzig-Gohlis is the town which has been chosen and not Gloewen near Wittenberge as was first believed.¹ It is not anticipated that Leipzig-Gohlis will be the final destination. The former aircraft plant at Dessau is alleged to have been chosen as the permanent home, as there is sufficient space to house other scattered sections of the FEA. The move to Dessau is scheduled for early winter 1955/56.

Date of Start of Work

2. The section began working at Leipzig-Gohlis on 15 January 1955.

Function of the Construction and Research Section of the FEA

3. The Construction and Research Section of the FEA is responsible for: producing blueprints from data supplied by the scientific and technical staff of the FEA; assembling equipment; testing such equipment after it has been assembled. The section is concentrating for the moment on research and development work for radar control bombing target equipment and AA radar control. Furthermore, under the aegis of this section, scientific and technical work is to be undertaken on rocket firing. It is too early to state exactly what form this work will take, but there is talk of experiments in connection with remote control firing. A building has been set apart for a Wissenschaftlicher Leitungsstab (scientific steering staff).

Technical Equipment

4. For purposes of study and comparison, the section has collected blueprints and models of rocket and radar equipment which have been developed to date.

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These range from the type of long distance measuring equipment (Fernmess-Geraet) used by the former German AA during World War II, rockets such as the V I and V II, and radar equipment of the type of the so-called Rotterdam Geraet to the more modern types of rockets and radar installations. The most modern types of rockets and radar equipment, however, have not yet been made available.

Staff

5. a. The technical staff numbers about 30. It has not been possible to identify the former place of employment of all these men; however, the following is known about them:
 - (1) An unspecified number worked at the Research Center (Versuchungsanstalt) at Peenemuende.
 - (2) Eight worked during the past few years at VEB Fernmelde-Anlagenbau Leipzig (RFT).
 - (3) Three engineers were at one time employed by the Argus Motoren Werke, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh.
 - (4) These engineers were sent to an unidentified place near Moscow in 1946 and not returned until 1954.
- b. The members of the scientific staff (Wissenschaftlicher Leitungstab) were formerly associated with the following institutes:
 - (1) Physikalisches Institut, Friedrich-Schiller-Universitaet, Jena.
 - (2) Institut Miersdorf, near Zeuthen.
 - (3) Forschungsinstitut der Martin-Luther-Universitaet, Halle.
 - (4) Institut fuer Festkoerperforschung, Berlin-Buch.

Personalities

6. a. In charge of the scientific staff:
 - (1) Professor Dr. Walter Friedrich²
 - (2) Professor Dr. Friedrich Moeglich. He works only part time because he is still attached to the Institut fuer Festkoerperforschung, Berlin-Buch.
 - (3) Dr. Michael von der Schulenburg³
- b. The three engineers mentioned in paragraph 5, a., (3) are:
 - (1) Werner Sommerfeld
 - (2) Ernst Braun
 - (3) Albert Fricke
- c. Soviet personnel:

Six Russian scientists are assigned to this section. They arrived in mid-February 1955. From 1945 to 1947, they were employed as technical and scientific advisers at the Soviet Military Administration in Dresden and Karlshorst.

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2. Comment: Prof. Dr. Walter Friedrich is president of the German Academy of Sciences. 25X1
3. Comment: Dr. Michael von der Schulenburg is director of the Miersdorf Institute for Radiation Research of the Academy of Sciences. 25X1

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